

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Knowles presiding and members Askren and Angel attending. Others attending were Chief Beloit; Supt. Givens; Chief Webber; Asst. St. Comm. Miller; Charlie Reese; Heather Eagleson; Shawn, Carol, Whitney, and Courtney Duckworth; Ryan Harms; Dave Mastison; David and Robin Harms; Charles Parsley - Best Equipment; David Idler and family; Ryan Riggs; Ron, Cookie, Veronica, John, and Charlie Bradford; Shane Claybrooke; and Brandon Epison and family.

Mayor Knowles called the meeting to order by stating members were mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. She added if not, she entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Angel moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Mayor Knowles, who then stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Angel moved the claims presented, along with one for Diversco that is not prepared yet, be approved for payment. Seconded by Board members Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

*****CLAIMS*****

Sewage \$ 7,358.49

Payroll 93,750.62

General, LECEF, MVHF, Abandoned Vehicle 125,367.97

Mayor Knowles stated before the Department Head reports, they will have the swearing in of Brandon Epison, as Street Commissioner, effective January 1, 2006.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Epison, who was then congratulated by the Board.

Mayor Knowles stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Chief Webber stated the fire department has had a difficult, yet exciting year, with the tornado, the hurricane in the south, etc., and he would like to present merit awards to the following individuals, who went above and beyond the call of duty, many on their own time. He then presented award to the following:

Shane Claybrooke

Ron Bradford

Dave Idler

Shawn Duckworth

Charlie Reese

Dave Mastison

Ryan Riggs

Ryan Harms

Chief Webber then stated the Roger Waters will also receive a merit award, but he could not be present today. He continued by stating that thanks does not cover it, but he thanked them for all they have done.

Mayor Knowles added she is very proud that the City of Mount Vernon has such dedicated firefighters, they do work for others and she personally appreciates each and every one of them.

Chief Webber continued his report by stating they are having problems with the software program they use. He stated the originally it was set up as a demo, and they have since found out that they have to pay every year to keep the “demo” running. As a result, he stated, all the reports they have sent to the state via this program, have not arrived. He added he has two quotes, one from Fire Programs Software for \$1,964.75 and one from ACS Firehouse Solutions for around \$3,000.00.

Mayor Knowles asked if there are user fees involved with any of these ?

Chief Webber replied not that he noticed.

Mr. Reese added there are no additional fees.

Chief Webber stated the cheaper program would be able to tell them the number of runs they had made for a year, month, or even a specific time period.

Mayor Knowles stated she likes it because it is cheaper. She then asked if there were any questions ?

There were no questions, therefore, Mayor Knowles moved Chief Webber be permitted to purchase the Fire Programs Software program. Seconded by Board member Angel.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Asst. St. Comm. Miller reported they have a situation with their salt, they are out of it already. He continued by stating they also have none on standby because of Hurricane Katrina. He added he and former St. Comm. Gray have called everywhere and there just isn't any. He did state that he contacted Vanderburgh County and they are willing to give the city some, pending the city give them some back when it arrives.

Mayor Knowles stated former Comm. Gray placed an order in June but it got “lost”.

Asst. St. Comm. Miller added he could purchase beet juice, he has the money for that.

Mayor Knowles replied they need something that is for sure.

Board member Askren stated she sure has no solution.

Mayor Knowles asked what the difference was between beet juice and salt ? Is it that salt lasts longer, though they work the same.

Asst. St. Comm. Miller agreed.

Mayor Knowles moved the Asst. St. Comm. Miller be permitted to get beet juice for back up to the salt that he is authorized to get from Vanderburgh County. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens stated he has no report.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Chief Beloit stated he would like to follow up on the vehicle purchase that they discussed at the last meeting. He added he has talked with Old National about the financing and they can either do a four year lease, maturing in 2009 with \$20,082.20 down and subsequent payments in 2007, 2008, and 2009. He then stated they could also purchase one vehicle out right and finance three, still maturing in 2009, with \$20,464.05 down. He then stated the gentleman at Old National recommend option #1, it is cheaper.

Mayor Knowles asked if he could explain why option #2 was more.

Chief Beloit replied no, he did not explain why, maybe because it is a three year note over a four year note.

Mayor Knowles stated she is not getting that, if they are both paid off in 2009.

Chief Beloit stated the Board can feel free to look at the letter.

Mayor Knowles wondered if it was a typo, it needs clarification. She then stated she is in favor of paying a little more if it would be paid off earlier, though it is confusing.

Chief Beloit stated he will double check this, he only got it at 3:35 today himself.

Board member Askren moved Chief Beloit take the option of paying more, to pay off earlier, depending on what he and Mayor Knowles find out, and then proceed with purchase. Seconded by Board member Angel.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Chief Beloit continued his report by stating Officer Deutsch submitted a letter requesting a two week unpaid leave of absence. He has also been offered employment with General Electric. He then stated during the leave time, he owes officers shifts, that he will work off, and he will also be at GE finding out where he will work, if he likes it, etc. He then stated he is so new that he has no benefit days to take a paid leave, and he feels it would be better to let him take the leave.

Mayor Knowles stated she has no issues with it. She then moved the Board allow Officer Deutsch's two week unpaid leave. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles stated on the Legal portion of the Agenda is opening bids received for 2006 supplies.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe opened the bids in the order in which they were received, with Delta Chemical not being opened, as it was delivered after the 11:00 am deadline.

1. J H Rudolph & Co., Inc., accompanied by Bid Bond

Item #6

Liquid Asphalts (AE grades) furnished and applied as

Prime or road oil \$2.75/gal

Liquid Asphalts (AE) grades furnished and

Tack coat \$2.75/gal

Liquid Asphalt AE-150 or AE-90

Furnished and applied as seal \$2.75/gal

Crushed Stone No. 11 or No. 12-C

Furnished and applied as seal \$48.00/ton

Sand furnished and applied as seal \$42.00/ton

Hot Asphalt Concrete furnished and applied as follows:

HAC Base \$49.25/ton

HAC Binder \$49.85/ton

HAC Surface \$49.95/ton

Item #5

Hot Asphaltic Concrete Binder \$32.25/ton

Hot Asphaltic Concrete Surface \$34.00/ton

Hot Performance Cold-Mix \$64.00/ton

2. Ulrich Chemical, Inc., accompanied by Cashier's Check

150# Cyl Liquid Chlorine \$79.35/cyl

55.125# drum Potassium Permanganate FF \$109.15/drum

150# Cyl Sulphur Dioxide \$75.00/cyl

5 Gal Carboy Sulfuric Acid 66 Deg \$85.00/carboy

50# Bad Soda Ash Grade 100 \$ 8.55/bag

55 Gal Drum K275FLX Polymer No Bid

55 Gal Drum PAC No Bid

2000# Cyl Liquid Chlorine \$529.00/cyl

48,000# T/T Liquid Alum \$210.40/dry ton

3. DMI/Rejuvtec, accompanied by Bid Bond

Item #7 and #8

\$1.87/lb

4. Brenntag Mid-South, Inc., accompanied by Bid Bond

150 lb cyl Liquid Chlorine \$85.50

55.1 lb pail Pot Permanganate \$112.95

150 lb cyl. Sulfur Dioxide \$87.00

5 gal Sulfuric Acid NO BID

50 lb bag Soda Ash Dense \$10.25

450 lb drum Brennfloc CP2608

Polymer (K275FLX) \$1.60

4,400 gal T/T Polyaluminum Chl. \$1.90

2,000 lb cyl Chlorine \$535.00

45,000# T/T Liquid Alum \$0.055

5. Best Equipment, accompanied by Bid Bond

Tymco 435 mounted on a ISUZU NQR chassis per city

Specifications with no exceptions

\$96,356.00

OPTION:

Trade in of 1994 Pelican deduct \$8,000.00

Board member Askren moved the Board acknowledge receipt of the bids and they be taken under advisement for study by Attorney Funkhouser. Seconded by Board member Angel.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Knowles stated under New Business, she has received and given the Board copies, of a letter from J H Rudolph concerning the paving around town that has not been up to par. She added Rudolph says they will rectify the situation in the Spring and have all the issues fixed by May.

Mayor Knowles then stated they also have a letter from MAI concerning SRF payments that MAI says they have never received, going back to March 2004. She added she has talked with Bookkeeper Bennett and she stated if she was given the invoice, it was sent to SRF for payment. She stated she is not of the situation at this time, but Supt. Givens is also looking into past invoices to double check. She then stated it is hard to tell from these invoices what work has actually been done.

Mayor Knowles then stated if there were no further business, she entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Askren moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Angel.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried and adjourned the meeting.

Rosemary L. Knowles

Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Wolfe

Clerk-Treasurer